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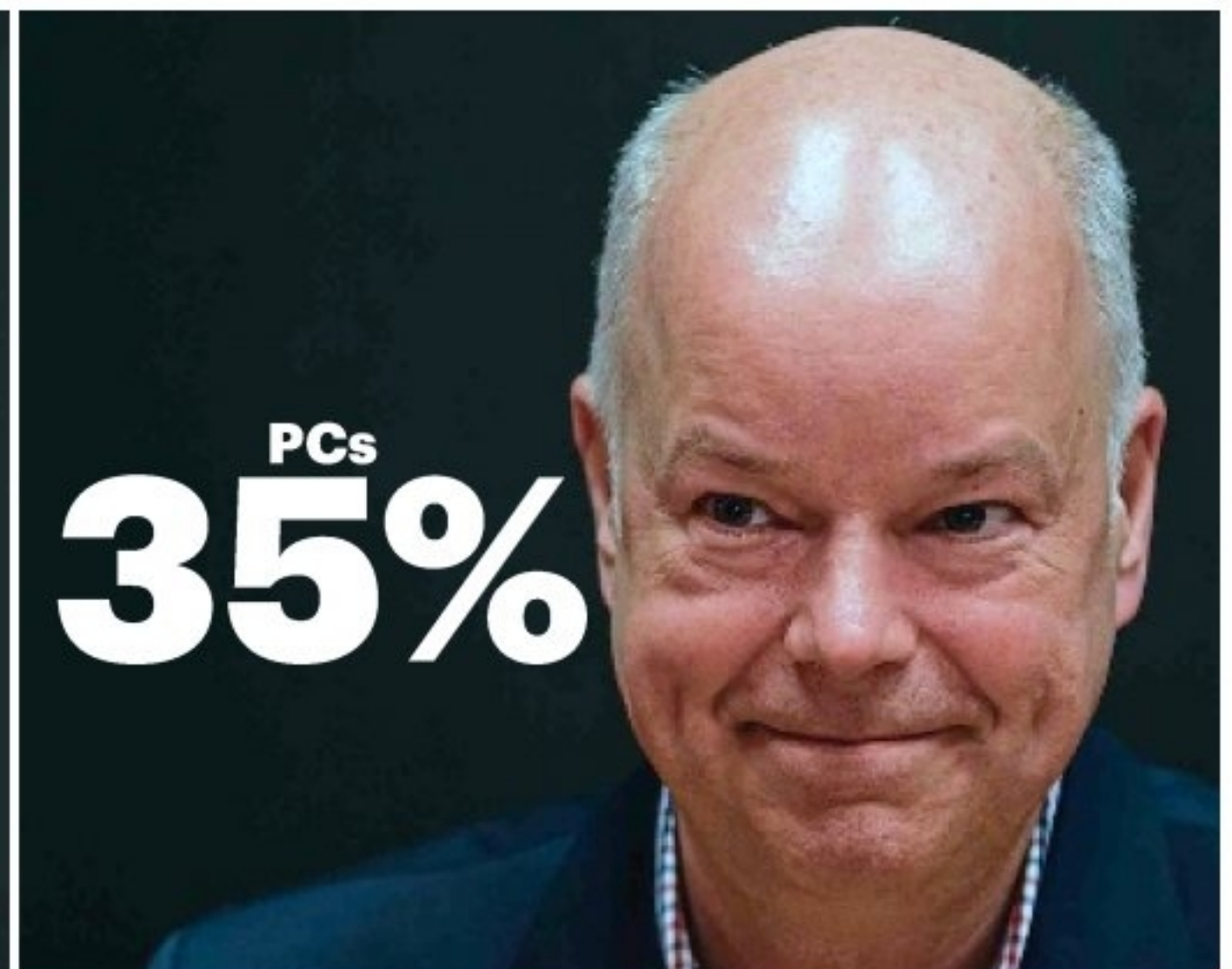
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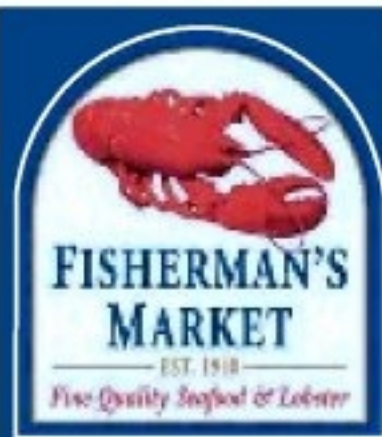
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Trans cartoonist 'overwhelmed'

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Sophie Labelle says support 'outstanding' after threats



Yvette d'Entremont
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Although Montreal-based trans cartoonist Sophie Labelle had to cancel a Wednesday night book launch in Halifax due to death threats and hate-filled messages, she says the outpouring of community support has overwhelmed her.

Labelle's newest comic book, 'Dating Tips for Trans and Queer Weirdos,' was released last week. The outspoken activist said an orchestrated online attack was launched against her last Saturday.

Her attackers posted her home address on several forums and forced her to take down her web page and social media accounts.

"They have a very clear eugenics agenda where they use Nazi imagery to promote their transphobic, homophobic and racist views," Labelle said in an interview in downtown Halifax on Thursday before her return to Montreal. "A lot of Islamophobia is mixed with that, as one of the main characters from my comic is Muslim and Arab."

Labelle, a former school teacher, is well known for taking on transphobia and trans-misogyny via her comic strip



Sophie Labelle with her new comic, *Dating Tips for Trans and Queer Weirdos*. NICK HUBLEY/FOR METRO

Assigned Male.

"What I want is to empower trans people, to make them laugh, to show them relatable content that they can identify with," she said of her comic strip and books.

When Labelle's plane landed at the Halifax airport Wednesday afternoon and she turned on her phone to see the deluge of hateful messages from people threatening to crash

the Halifax book launch, she knew the event would have to be cancelled.

"We didn't only cancel it, we deleted traces of it because Venus Envy (the host) was getting threats too," Labelle said.

"Personally I would have gone forward with the event because I don't believe the threats or those internet trolls would actually go out of their basements to face the sunlight

... But since trans people are a very vulnerable group in society, many people didn't feel safe going anymore and I would rather cancel the event than to have them be potentially traumatized."

Labelle said she wanted to assure Halifax fans and supporters that she'll return.

"I am pretty sure that the threats we got yesterday weren't from people in Hali-

fax. They were probably from people in the United States and in other countries," she said.

"The support that I've seen from the communities in Halifax has been outstanding. I'm really sad this event couldn't happen, but we're already planning to do something else later this summer."

Labelle planned to put all her social media accounts back online sometime on Friday. She



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Don't worry Halifax. I don't hate you. I'll be back.

Sophie Labelle

can be found at www.facebook.com/assignedmale.

"Don't worry Halifax. I don't hate you," she laughed. "I'll be back."

Marshall Haywood, owner of Venus Envy Halifax, said they were disappointed to have to cancel the event but were obligated to do so out of concern they could not guarantee the security of those who wanted to attend.

"Our staff have been working very hard since (Wednesday) to delete hateful or hurtful comments as they appear on our Facebook page and will continue to monitor it," Haywood said.

"On the brighter side, we've been happily overwhelmed by the hundreds of people who have posted positive reviews and messages of support."

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ELECTION NOTEBOOK

Forum poll predicts high voter turnout

It appears Nova Scotia's eligible voters are ready to cast their ballots in "very large" numbers for the May 30 provincial election.

A poll of 1,057 Nova Scotians released by Forum Research on Thursday has 78 per cent stating they are "absolutely certain" they will be voting in the upcoming election, barring some unforeseen emergency.

"There's no more certainly than that. In terms of the scales we use, that's almost 80 per cent saying that," Lorne Bozinoff, president and founder of Forum Research, said in an interview. "That's very atypical, that 78 per cent number... Generalizing across the country, no question that's a high number."

Those most likely to say they

are "absolutely certain to vote" include those aged 35 to 44 (84 per cent) or 45 to 54 (84 per cent). The 18 to 34 age bracket has the least certainty, at 68 per cent.

"Even that is off the charts, so the intention is there. We'll see what it actually turns out to be, but this would be a very high turnout," he said.

Those supporting the Progressive Conservatives (85 per cent) or the NDP (85 per cent) are most likely to say they're "absolutely certain" to vote, as are the most wealthy (90 per cent) and those with a post-graduate degree (90 per cent).

Almost half (45 per cent) of forum poll respondents said the current election campaign has made them more likely to vote.

YVETTE D'ENTREMONT/METRO

78%

About 78 per cent of eligible voters say they are absolutely certain they will vote on May 30.

NDP viewed as best option on key issues

The Forum Research poll also asked respondents about issues they felt would be best represented by each party.

The poll showed 30 per cent believe the Liberals would be best for the economy, statistically tied with the Progressive Conservatives at 29 per cent. The NDP was chosen by just 17 per cent, and 24 per cent said they were unsure.

The NDP was seen as the most environmentally friendly by 30 per cent of respondents. In comparison, only 18 per cent felt the Liberals would be best for the environment, and 17 per cent threw their hats behind the Conservative party.

The NDP were seen as best for education by 31 per cent of respondents. The Progressive Conservatives were considered best for education by 25 per cent, and the Liberals by 23 per cent.

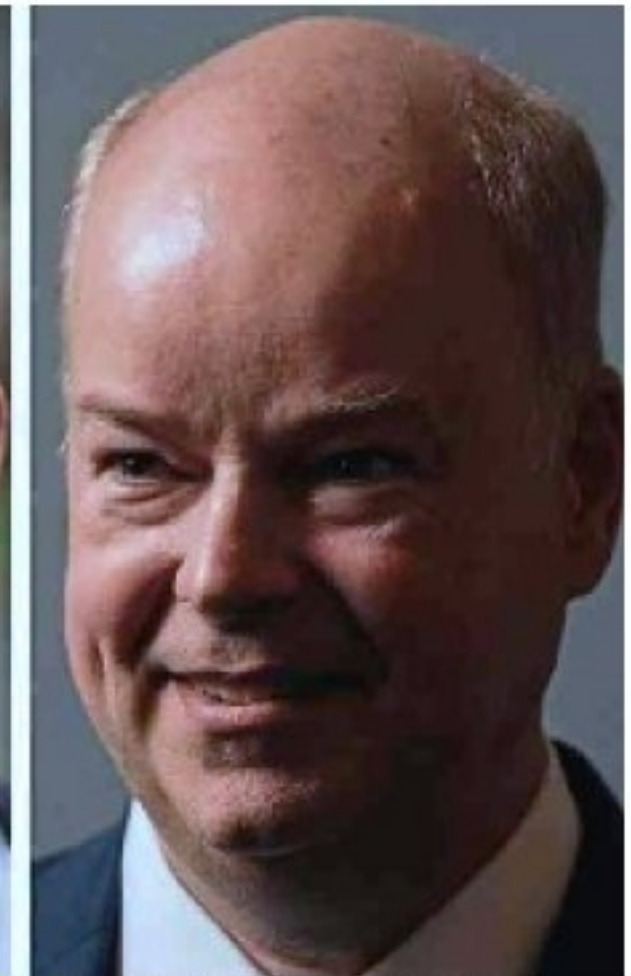
On which party would be best for health care, the NDP had the approval of 28 per cent of respondents. The Progressive Conservatives were at 27 per cent, and 22 per cent say the Liberals would be best for health care. Twenty-two per cent

were unsure.

The Forum poll also showed Nova Scotians consider health care the province's most pressing issue. YVETTE D'ENTREMONT/METRO

30%

About 30 per cent of voters believe the Liberals are still the best party to manage the economy.



Nova Scotia's main political party leaders: Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil, left, NDP Leader Gary Burrill, centre, and Tory Leader Jamie Baillie. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberals, Tories in statistical dead heat

POLITICS

Conservatives gain support as premier's party loses ground



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

With less than two weeks left before the May 30 provincial election, polling numbers released Thursday put the governing Liberals and the opposition Progressive Conservatives in a dead heat.

The poll of 1,057 Nova Scotians by Forum Research shows among decided and leaning voters, the Liberals lead with 37 per cent, but are "statistically tied" with the Progressive Conservatives at 35 per cent. The NDP are supported by 25 per cent.

"I think it really isn't over until it's over these days. This will go right down to the wire, I'm pretty sure," Lorne Bozinoff, president and founder of Forum Research, said in an interview.

"It is a dead heat right now. With the NDP having a big chunk of the third party support, it can go any way."

"All of this has happened because the Liberals have lost



This is going to come down to those five per cent swing votes and how they react. Lorne Bozinoff

four points since our last poll and the Tories have gained five points."

Bozinoff said it will all come down to swing voters and whether the Liberals can get those four or five points lost since the last poll.

"If they can, they'll get that nine point spread back. So we're not talking about 95 per cent of the electorate changing their minds," he said.

"We're talking about five per cent changing their minds and

going from intending Tory to intending Liberal and that's what this is going to come down to. This is going to come down to those five per cent swing voters and how they react."

The poll suggests 28 per cent approve of Premier Stephen McNeil, but more than six in 10 say they disapprove of his job as premier.

The poll was conducted on May 15-16, and is considered accurate within three percentage points, 19 times out of 20.



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Premier shows poise under pressure

LEADERS DEBATE

Party leaders clash sabres over the issues

Liberal Premier Stephen McNeil fended off multiple attacks on his record Thursday as Nova Scotia's major-party leaders clashed over health care, education and the economy during the first televised leaders debate of the campaign.

During the 90-minute back-and-forth, Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie and NDP Leader Gary Burrill targeted McNeil's broken promises on doctors and the film tax credit. But McNeil brushed off the

barrage with confidence, a calm demeanour and an ability to hold the floor. He pointed to his achievements while in office.

"Let's not turn back now," he said, looking into the cameras during his closing remarks. "We are in a time where we can make strategic investments and continue to build what we've accomplished."

Still, his opponents pointed to what they painted as his penny-pinching, top-down style with teachers and other public-sector unions while in government.

Both Baillie and Burrill wove into the debate their disapproval over McNeil's handling of issues while in power, especially on health care. Baillie questioned McNeil's 2013 promise that every

Nova Scotian would have access to a family doctor.

"You promised them a doctor," Baillie told McNeil, who cited a number of other promises he'd been able to keep.

Baillie said one of the hardest calls he'd had to make was to Kim D'Arcy, whose husband, Jack Webb, died Feb. 1 after he had languished for six hours in a chilly emergency-room hallway and was bumped from his room by another dying patient during five days of struggles in Halifax's largest hospital.

"We need more doctors. We need them urgently," Baillie said. Burrill asked McNeil if he would admit the province has a health care crisis.

"Do I believe there's a crisis?

No," McNeil said. "Are there challenges? Of course there are."

McNeil defended his record, saying the province's health system has improved during his term, and his government has taken measures to train and bring more doctors to Nova Scotia. His government reduced administrative costs by merging health authorities, he said.

He also defended attacks on his labour relations record, arguing he has to represent all taxpayers at the negotiating table.

"Being premier you need to strike a balance," McNeil said. The debate featured no obvious knockout blows, however, and a calm McNeil later told reporters he felt he did what he needed to do. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Gary Burrill, Jamie Baillie and Stephen McNeil debated in Halifax on Thursday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A police photo of a blue Adidas bag and three garbage bags in an ice cream truck at William Sandeson's family's farm property in Truro. Along with a pair of gloves, these items were the only ones of significance found during a six-day search of the area. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

Jury told of evidence found at family farm

SANDESON TRIAL

Gloves, Adidas bag, garbage sacks found, court hears



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The jury in William Sandeson's first-degree murder trial heard testimony on Thursday from ground search and rescue volunteers and police who searched the Sandeson farm property.

Sandeson, 24, is accused of killing fellow Dalhousie University student Taylor Samson, 22, on Aug. 15, 2015.

On Aug. 25, 2015, Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue teams started a search of Sandeson's parents' property in Truro under the direction

of RCMP and Halifax Regional Police, which lasted six days.

Ground search and rescue volunteers Wayne Burns and Larry Corbin testified in court on Thursday. They were told to look for anything out of the ordinary on the farm, they said, and Corbin said they were told they "could possibly find human remains."

They didn't find Samson's remains on the farm, and his remains still haven't been found.

But that search did turn up evidence. In an old ice cream truck on the property, the ground search and rescue team Burns was leading found a blue Adidas bag and three garbage bags on Aug. 27.

Burns said he never entered the truck, only looked in the door, and alerted police to what he'd found.

Corbin made the other significant find on the farm: a pair of gloves near the ice cream truck earlier on Aug. 27. He testified the gloves were sus-

pended on some sticks about six inches off the ground, and he never touched them, just marked the area and alerted police.

RCMP Cpl. Shawn Reynolds was the officer in charge of the search. He was called to both those finds, and then alerted Halifax Regional Police Det. Const. Jonathan Jefferies, who also testified on Thursday.

A civilian Halifax Regional Police member, David Webber, testified Thursday as well. He viewed and downloaded the video from Sandeson's surveillance system, which shows Samson walking down the hallway to Sandeson's apartment with a large black duffel bag the night of Aug. 15, 2015.

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The trial is expected to resume Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Halifax DIGEST

Sackville man injured after motorcycle hits tree

A man was taken to hospital with serious injuries after the motorcycle he was driving left the road and hit a tree.

Halifax RCMP say the accident happened in the 900 block area of Waverley Road around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A 20-year-old man from Lower Sackville was driving the motorcycle, when police believe he lost control, left

the road and hit a tree.

He remains at the QEII hospital in Halifax. METRO

Man arrested after group robs two people of liquor

A 33-year-old man is in custody after police say a group of people robbed two men of their liquor.

Halifax Regional Police said two men were walking along Queen Street after visiting the nearby NSLC on Wednesday around 9 p.m., when they were

approached by five men and a woman.

The men were ordered to hand over the liquor, and when they declined, they were threatened with violence. After the group left, police were called and got a detailed description of one of the men.

A member from the Central Quick Response Unit saw a man matching the description walking along South Park Street, and arrested him. METRO



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Tristan Cleveland
For Metro | Halifax

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Consider Lisbon, Portugal. In 2011, they were in full financial crisis and many of their young people moved away to find jobs. Just a few years later, it has become one of the top European cities for startups. Nearly two-thirds of the youth who left moved back, bringing skills from around the world.

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Tristan Cleveland says money should be going into small communities to make their main streets as attractive as downtown Halifax. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A friend who works in forestry recently quipped, "The Nova Scotian government always thinks we're just one mega-project away from success."

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Second, a major portion

of the hundreds of millions of dollars we're planning to spend on highways should go instead to building the world's best parks and main streets in towns across the province. A \$10 million investment in a run-down main street in West Palm Beach, Florida led to \$350 million in new private investment because the fact is, people spend money in places where they like to be.



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Third, we should make good main streets legal. It is insane that provincial road standards require that the centre of Hubbards and Musquodoboit Harbour be designed like small highways, when they should prioritize the people who live, work and shop there.

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Visibility, lighting factors in crash

AIR SAFETY

Transportation Safety Board probe into 2015 event released

Federal investigators say approach procedures, poor visibility and lighting issues led to the 2015 crash landing of an Air Canada jet that skidded along a Halifax runway and injured 25 people on board.

The Transportation Safety Board report says the crew aboard Flight 624 had set the autopilot at the correct angle of descent during a March 29, 2015, blizzard, but they did not notice wind had pushed the plane off its flight path.

The report says the crew requested that runway lights at

Halifax Stanfield International Airport be adjusted to their maximum setting, but the tower controller was "preoccupied" with snowplows on the runway and nearby aircraft on the taxiway.

"When the aircraft reached the minimum descent altitude for the approach, the flight crew saw some lights, which they interpreted as sufficient visual cues to continue the approach below the minimum descent altitude, expecting the lights to become more visible as they got closer to the airport," the TSB says.

The flight crew was slow in recognizing the plane was too low because of "plan continuation bias." Air Canada procedures did not require the flight crew to monitor the aircraft's altitude and distance to the runway, the TSB says.

"It was only in the last few seconds of the flight, after the

pilots disengaged the autopilot to land manually, that they then realized that the aircraft was too low and too far back. Although they initiated a go-around immediately, the aircraft struck terrain short of the runway," it says.

The plane bounced into the air and crashed near the runway threshold before careening along the tarmac. An engine and the plane's landing gear were ripped from the airframe amid a shower of sparks and leaking fuel. The plane was "destroyed," the TSB says.

"Because no emergency was expected, the passengers and cabin crew were not in a brace position at the time of the initial impact," the report says. "Most of the injuries sustained by the passengers were consistent with not adopting a brace position."

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Election DIGEST

Liberals promise more access to specialists

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Derek Mombourquette says the Liberals will invest \$13.5 million over three years to expand the specialist residency program.

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would also add 15 new positions to Dalhousie Medical School, with five positions located in Cape Breton.

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NDP candidate: Libs offer nothing for Cape Breton

Sydney-Whitney Pier candidate Madonna Doucette says the Liberal platform fails to invest in what matters most to families, seniors and children in Cape Breton.

She says many people in the area don't have a family doctor due to a lack of spending on primary health care.

Doucette says an NDP government would invest at least \$17 million in the doctor shortage in Cape Breton.

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PCs call on Liberals, NDP to explain carbon tax plans

The Tories say a cap-and-trade system would

burden Nova Scotia families and businesses by making the price of everything from gasoline to home heating fuel more expensive.

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5 things to do in Halifax this long weekend

The Blue Nose Marathon, a theatre festival, Poor Bunny Fundraiser, Hello City! improv, and Leg Up on Homelessness metal show are all on the go. **CODY MCEACHERN** METRO



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1 Blue Nose Marathon

Strap on your running shoes, because the fourteenth Blue Nose Marathon will have you running for the long weekend. Starting off with the Running Room 3K Friendship run Friday evening, the marathon has events and runs scheduled throughout the weekend. The most popular event, the Doctors NS Youth run, will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday with registration at 8 a.m. To finish off a weekend of running, there will be an after party at Garrison Brewing Co. from 7-11 p.m. Sunday. A schedule of all the events can be found at the marathon's website, bluenosemarathon.com.

2 Stages Theatre Festival

For those with a taste for the art of theatre, the Stages Theatre Festival is in full swing, and performances and workshops are scheduled throughout the long weekend. Kicking off Monday evening, the festival presents shows at different stages of development ranging from workshops and previews to full on productions. The events are scattered throughout Halifax, and a full list of events and a map can be found at easternfronttheatre.com. The festival runs until May 27, so be sure to check out the schedule!

3 Poor Bunny Fundraiser

Looking for something a little different this weekend? The Poor Bunny Fundraiser show is going to turn the Bus Stop Theatre into a circus through live music and performance art. To raise money for the upcoming White Rabbit Festival, a rural Nova Scotia celebration of visual arts and creativity, a fundraising show is being held Saturday night, including performances from DJ Fadzwa, Lazeez, The Folk & Country Line and Helen & Lucy. Entrance is \$12 or a piece of art, and the show starts at 9 p.m. It's sure to be a night full of weird fun.

4 Hello City!

Need a good chuckle this long weekend? Then the Hello City! improv show may be the right event for you. Comprised of two acts, the show will kick off with an improv act inspired by local stories from community members about life in the city and the happenings around them. Act two will see two teams go head to head in a selection of short form improv games, with only one team reigning supreme. The show will kick off at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Bus Stop Theatre, and tickets are \$10.

5 Get a Leg Up on Homelessness

For the hard rockers who want to give back, the Get a Leg Up on Homelessness will help you mosh it out for a good cause. Raising money for the Phoenix Youth Programs, the show will see some of the heaviest local bands come together under one roof for a night of hard guitar riffs and loud screaming to help spread awareness of the homeless. The show will feature ECMA winners Orchid's Curse and Dumpster Mummy, as well as a variety of other heavy metal bands. Taking place at Gus' Pub & Grill, the show will kick off at 9 p.m. Sunday and entrance is \$7.

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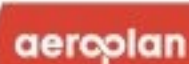
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Green space in front of the Dartmouth North Public Library will allow people to read books and relax outside. NICK HUBLEY/FOR METRO

Library rethinking use of space

NEW IDEAS

Plans include movie nights, outdoor book borrowing



Cody McEachern
For Metro | Halifax

A local library will rewrite the way people read and borrow books by bringing the community and nature together with a new green space.

The Halifax Public Libraries (HPL) announced their plans to create a public green space for the Dartmouth North Public Library on Wednesday during a public show-and-tell event.

The green space, which will be attached to the front of the library, will create a space for people to relax outside, read books and access other library services, said Ása Kachan, CEO of the Halifax Public Libraries.

"It's an idea we've given thought to for a while now," she said Thursday.

"We have free WiFi, and have noticed for a few years people would sit on the grass outside the building to try and pick up the free WiFi. It got us thinking about how we could create a space outside to engage the community and draw them in."

The planned space was pitched to TD Canada, who gifted the HPL with \$500,000 to create the space in an effort to support green spaces across Canada.

"So many varied activities take place in the public library," said Kachan.

"The idea was to take all that rich diversity, and for as many seasons as possible, find a way to make that happen in the fresh air through beautiful green spaces."

The rejuvenation of the library's green space will cost \$1 million, and is currently in the planning process, with construction set to begin this summer.



Dartmouth North Public Library branch supervisor Crystal Mulder
NICK HUBLEY/FOR METRO

The library is asking the community what they would like to see the space become, said Crystal Mulder, branch supervisor for the Dartmouth North Public Library.

"Because we are still in the concept stage, the space's outcome is still wide open," she said.

"What we will create will be based off what the community tells us to do. Whatever they say they want, we will make it work for us."

Current plans for the space will include a naturalized playground for kids, an outdoor library which will be accessible from both inside and outside, and outdoor spaces for movie nights, picnics and other library activities.

"It's an exciting opportunity to expand the program-

ing space that we have," said Mulder.

"It's also an opportunity for the community to have access to stuff like our WiFi after hours, and also to have a place to come relax and

enjoy nature to all its glory."

The HPL are also planning to extend library hours, giving people later access to their services.

"There will be some more hours of opening coming," said Kachan.

"We know we have great resources and great spaces, and we want to make sure we are doing our best to make those available and open to the community."



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What's open, what's closed this weekend



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This Monday is Victoria Day, and as with any statutory holiday there are sure to be some questions regarding what is open and what's closed around the city.

NSLC stores are open Monday during regular hours across Halifax. Grocery stores

are also open their regular hours.

The majority of HRM municipality offices are closed for the day, as are the five customer contact centres. The 311 contact centre, however, is open.

Transit will be running on holiday service hours Monday, so be sure to check out the times for individual bus and ferry routes on the Halifax Transit site.

Most HRM recreation facilities will be closed for the day. Be sure to call your local centre if you plan to drop in.

Solid waste collection for Monday will take place this Saturday, May 20.

Most banking branches will be closed Monday. Those looking to do any banking should call ahead to check for hours of operation.

The Halifax Shopping Centre will be open on holiday

+ METRO NEWS

There will also be no printed publication of Metro Halifax for Monday. Our next edition comes out Tuesday.

hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Mic Mac Mall is open on holiday hours from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



A Dalhousie University study led by Sylvain Charlebois says many Canadians are not leaving their workspaces to eat meals, partly because of mounting pressures and shifting attitudes towards meals. METRO FILE

No time to step away for lunch

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Study says 40% of Canadians don't take a proper break

Almost 40 per cent of Canadians are eating lunch at their desks — a number that reflects increasing workplace pressures as well as shifting attitudes toward meals, says the lead author of a new study gauging the country's eating habits.

The survey, which was conducted by Nova Scotia's Dalhousie University, found that 39 per cent of respondents ate at their desks, compared with 37 per cent who ate lunch at home. The remaining 24 per cent had lunch in a cafeteria or in a kitchen-type room. "It really speaks to how pressured workers are," said lead author Sylvain Charlebois, a professor in food distribution and policy at Dalhousie.

"To take the time to go eat any meal at work is slowly becoming a luxury."

Charlebois and his team found that 72 per cent of respondents packed their own

work lunches, while 24 per cent either bought their lunches to eat outside or ate at restaurants.

People in Atlantic Canada eat lunch at their desks most often, at almost 50 per cent, the study suggested. They're also much more likely to eat alone, with 68 per cent reporting doing so.

Charlebois said the discrepancy in Atlantic Canada remains "a mystery," although he cited an older population and longer distances to travel as possible factors.

The survey also indicated women were three times more likely than men to skip

breakfast, and Canadians are increasingly turning to ready-made meals or eating out at restaurants for dinner.

Taken together, Charlebois says the results of the study show what he calls "a complete disintegration of our meal habits" and the abandonment

of the traditional three-meals-a-day structure around which most days were scheduled.

The study surveyed 1,019 Canadian adults this past March and April and has a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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DESPITE ADVANCES IN INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE RESEARCH, TREATMENTS FOR PATIENTS REMAIN LIMITED

Sandra Zelinsky has spent the last 24 years trying to stay at least one step ahead of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). In that time, she's been on several medications, undergone several surgeries, and rode the ups and downs of living with a chronic disease that has a way of throwing new problems at you.

"A few of the medications have worked amazingly but most of them were unsuccessful. My disease state constantly evolves, and as it changes, so do my medical needs," says Zelinsky.

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, the two main forms of

inflammatory bowel disease, cause the body to attack itself, leading to inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract. Because of that inflammation, people with IBD are left to face abdominal pain, cramps, bloating, fatigue, frequent and urgent bowel movements, internal bleeding, and unintended weight loss.

"In spite of the symptoms, people with IBD often look 'normal' on the outside," says Mina Mawani, President and CEO of Crohn's and Colitis Canada. "Canada in particular has some of the highest rates of inflammatory bowel disease in the world, and approximately 250,000 people

across the country are living with Crohn's or colitis. You may know someone with the disease and not even know it."

There is no cure for Crohn's or colitis, but treatments can put the disease into remission, and patients can experience a reduction in their symptoms.

"Being in remission means we can live active, productive lives, and we can stay out of emergency rooms and avoid further surgeries," says Zelinsky, who now works as a patient engagement researcher, and who advocates for patient-centred care.

"Every case of IBD is unique, and each patient responds differently to different courses of treatment. To achieve remission, a patient may have to try multiple treatments before finding one that works for him or her. Each unsuccessful attempt means there's one less option available from an already limited number of treatments, and a treatment that works well for someone today could stop working tomorrow," says Mawani.

Having more and new options to choose from is integral to maintaining hope for continued remission. This is vital for people living with chronic diseases such as Crohn's and colitis.

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Clock ticking on NAFTA negotiations

TRADE

Talks to start as soon as possible, officials say

Canada says it's ready to talk now that U.S. President Donald Trump has formally launched the process to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland said Thursday that Ottawa has already decided that updating the environment and labour sections of the trade pact will be two areas of focus going into the negotiations.

"I'm not going to lay all my

cards on the table now. I don't think Canadians would like us to do that," Freeland said.

She noted that in letters to Congress to trigger the process for renegotiation, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer also flagged those two areas, among others.

Lighthizer's notice to Congress Thursday set the clock ticking on the start of negotiations, saying they would begin as soon as possible but no later than 90 days.

In the letter, Lighthizer — who gave Canada advance notice of the move, according to Freeland — said that elements of the 25-year-old deal are "outdated" and "do not reflect modern standards."

Lighthizer's letter set out some

elements of the trade deal that the U.S. would like to see modernized, including intellectual property rights and regulatory practices.

Freeland said that Ottawa has a similar view and she tried to paint the renegotiation of the sweeping trade agreement as "routine."

The foreign affairs minister said the formal triggering of NAFTA talks has "long been anticipated" and said the federal government has already started to consult with Canadian stakeholders about Ottawa's priorities going into the talks.

Freeland declined to speculate about Washington's ambition to complete negotiations by the end of the year, saying any talk

of timelines was "premature."

"What I will say is we are ready to roll up our sleeves — we have been from day one — and we will work hard and seriously on updating this essential agreement. At the end of the day, our objective is going to be to negotiate a great deal for Canadians, and I'm very confident we can do that," she said.

Lighthizer said that the United States seeks to support higher-paying jobs in the United States and to grow the U.S. economy by improving U.S. opportunities under NAFTA. And he said that "aggressive enforcement of the commitments made by our trading partners" was vital and needed to be improved.

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Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland talks to reporters about NAFTA outside the House of Commons on Thursday.

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Frostbitten asylum seeker who lost fingers given refugee status

Five months after nearly freezing to death on a treacherous walk across the Canada-U.S. border, and still learning to get along without the 10 fingers and thumbs he lost to frostbite, Seidu Mohammed is happy.

He gets to stay in Canada.

The Immigration and Refugee Board has granted Mohammed refugee status on the basis that the 24-year-old bisexual professional soccer player from Ghana would face persecution if returned to his home country.

"I feel so happy. I feel now that this country is my home

now," he said Thursday, sitting at the kitchen table in his home. With a bit of effort, he opened a binder and produced the written decision from the Immigration and Refugee Board.

"I want to do anything possible to contribute to this country because this country has done a lot to me that I didn't expect. Ever since I came here, I've seen a lot of good people who give me courage and also support me."

Mohammed fled Ghana to the U.S. in 2015. He first flew to Ecuador then made his way

through Central America and to the U.S., where he spent months in a detention centre. He sought asylum on the basis that as a bisexual man, he would face physical harm if he returned to Ghana. Mohammed said his asylum claim in the U.S. was rejected because he was unable to gather supporting evidence from his home country while locked up in the detention centre.

Phone calls overseas from the detention centre are expensive and applicants can burn through the money they have in a short call, he said.

"They didn't give you a chance to let them know that you are in a difficult position," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Seidu Mohammed, on his struggles to get asylum in the United States



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UN appeals for aid for 'Children on the Run'

REFUGEES

Campaign helps unaccompanied children from South America

With the number of unaccompanied and separated children fleeing gang violence in Central America doubling every year since 2011, the United Nations is launching a campaign to address the "urgent-yet-silent crisis."

The UN Refugee Agency will kick off the "Children on the Run" campaign in North America on Friday to raise \$18 million to assist the young refugees fleeing Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

"We are very concerned about the forced recruitment of these children and youth into the gangs. These adolescents are sometimes killed, tortured and raped," said Jean-Nicolas Beuze, the agency's representative in Canada, who is working on a

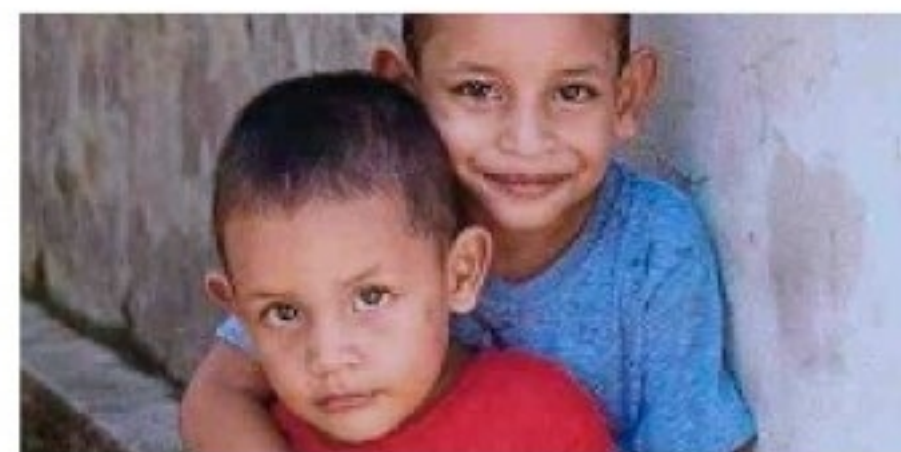
pilot with Ottawa to resettle a small number of the vulnerable children. According to the UN, the number of refugees from the Northern Triangle countries in the last four years has increased to 146,000 in 2016 from 20,900 in 2012.

Beuze said young refugees, many as young as 10 to 12 years old, often fall into the nets of traffickers and are sexually assaulted and exploited.

The UN Children on the Run campaign will focus on rais-

ing awareness of the growing number of children and families fleeing horrific violence in the three Central American countries through videos and stories on an information page on the crisis.

The fund will enable UN Refugee Agency to shelter and protect the vulnerable and facilitate family tracing, reunification and psychosocial support, but so far, said Beuze, only eight per cent of the needed money has been raised. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Brothers Alejandro, 3, and Mateo, 5, and their family fled Honduras after a local gang threatened their lives. UNHCR

NEW YORK

Teen dies after car plows into Times Square crowd

Two law enforcement officials say a driver accused of running down pedestrians in Times Square told officers he was hearing voices and expected to die.

Authorities say Richard Rojas was taken into custody Thursday after mowing down 23 people, including a teenager who died.

The two law enforcement officials say Rojas tested negative for alcohol, but drug tests were still pending.

The officials weren't authorized to speak publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Police say the 26-year-old Navy veteran was arrested last week after he pointed a knife at a notary and accused the notary of stealing his identity.

It isn't clear when Rojas might get a lawyer.

Terrorism isn't suspected in the crash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIGEST

Trump slams 'witch hunt'
President Donald Trump denounced the appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller to investigate his campaign's ties with Russia Thursday, calling it a "witch hunt." Meanwhile, Republicans expressed hopes the move would restore calm to the capital. Lawmakers of both parties sought to question Mueller about Trump's firing of FBI director James Comey, followed by news that Trump had shared secrets with the Russians and tried to stop Comey from investigating former presidential adviser Michael Flynn. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roger Ailes has died at 77

Roger Ailes, the communications maestro who transformed television news and America's political conversation by creating and ruling Fox News Channel for two decades before being ousted last year for alleged sexual harassment, died Thursday, according to his wife, Elizabeth Ailes. He was 77. Fox News and 21st Century Fox executive chairman Rupert Murdoch called Ailes "a brilliant broadcaster (who) played a huge role in shaping America's media." Others laid the nation's political dysfunction and inability to find common ground at his feet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

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WESTERN BLACKLEGGED TICK

Hangouts: British Columbia and the U.S. Pacific Northwest
Crimes: Lyme disease, Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis

You can wear bug spray, long sleeves and even tuck your pants into your socks (cool!), but from now until fall, you or your pet might encounter ticks, and an even less welcome hitchhiker: Lyme disease. It spiked from 144 cases in 2009 to an estimated 841 in 2016. **And the warming climate means ticks are showing up in more places.**

WHAT LYME IS — AND ISN'T

IS: an illness caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi* bacteria

IS: treatable with antibiotics

IS: transmitted from birds and mammals to people via ticks

IS: usually spotted as a "bull's-eye" rash at the site of a tick bite

IS: a cause of fatigue, headache, chills, fever, muscle and joint pain, cardiac problems, facial paralysis and even meningitis

IS: a cause of painful arthritis and changes to personality, brain function and speech — if untreated

ISN'T: A chronic infection. Although symptoms can continue long after treatment, "chronic Lyme disease" is unproven. There's no benefit, but plenty of risks, to taking more antibiotics after the initial infection has cleared up.

SIZING UP TICKS

Ticks from the same species look different before and after eating and at different stages in the life cycle.



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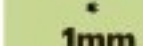
Adults burrow into skin, but you might not feel it because tick spit contains natural anesthetic.

3-5mm



Nymphs are most likely to transmit Lyme. They're tiny and hard to spot.

2mm



Larvae are miniscule baby ticks. They can harbour Lyme too.

1mm

NASTY NEIGHBOURS

These ticks aren't associated with Lyme, but can spread other infections

LONE STAR TICK: THE NEW TICK ON THE BLOCK

This southern U.S. native is spreading to Canada as the climate warms. Its bite can induce a rare allergy to red meat.



AMERICAN DOG TICK

This plentiful tick hides out in grass, urban parks and trails in Central and Eastern Canada.



FINDINGS Your week in science



FEDERAL FRAMEWORK

The government is set to release a framework for a national Lyme surveillance program this month along with guidelines and educational materials for health providers. The draft did not include references to the disputed "chronic Lyme disease," sparking protest from patient groups.

NOT SO PUMPED

One more way doping doesn't pay: Weightlifters who use steroids long-term have weak hearts that don't pump an adequate volume of blood, says a new study in the journal Circulation.

SOUND SMART



PEDIPALPS

DEFINITION

Pedipalps are the two "arms" that spiders, scorpions and some crabs have on the front of their bodies.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

There's a reason spiders make bad pop song writers. You try finding a rhyme for "I long to hold you in my pedipalps."

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Can you get food poisoning twice in a row?

Can you get food poisoning twice in a short period if you eat the exact same food again in the form of leftovers?
— G. B., Toronto

Okay, I confess. This issue is personal to me, and I sent this question to myself because I wanted an excuse to research it. A few weeks ago, the universe punished me for making a joke in this column about eating raw cookie dough. I came down with a miserable stomach bug. I hadn't been around any sick people or eaten anything suspect that I could recall. The

cause was a mystery, until two weeks later, when I had a flash of insight: I'd eaten cookie dough that contained raw eggs, a common source of salmonella bacteria, the night before I became ill. Unfortunately, I had this brainwave while there was a wooden spoon of raw muffin batter in my mouth. It also contained raw eggs, from the very same carton.

I instantly felt extremely sick, and continued to for 48 hours. Was I just anxious, or is it possible I had salmonella twice? I asked Dr. Bruce Vallance, the

resident stomach-bug guru at B.C. Children's Hospital.

It depends on the timing and the germ, but if you're exposed again after you recover, you'll likely get sick again, Vallance said in an email, adding it's "very difficult" to develop complete immunity against germs that attack the gut.

However, any barf-inducing bug you catch (salmonella, norovirus, whatever) has a unique genetic signature your body learns to recognize and fight off.

If you get food poisoning, then encounter the exact same

strain of the exact same bug a week or two later, you may have some resistance. You'll probably get sick, but not as badly as the first time around, Vallance explained. That may have been what happened with me and the cookie dough (Lesson. Learned).

If I was unlucky enough to catch a different strain though, I would be just as susceptible as anyone else.

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Alien: Covenant is latest film franchise to make return

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



That's a lot of facehugging and chestbursting.

Since the 1979 release of *Alien*, a film Roger Ebert called "an intergalactic haunted house thriller set inside a spaceship," audiences have been fascinated with the sci-fi/horror series.

The latest movie sees a new crew — including Michael Fassbender, Katherine Waterston, Billy Crudup and Danny McBride — on a mission to colonize planet Origae-6. Along the way they abandon their original course, choosing a closer, apparently inhabitable planet only to be met with terror and acid-spewing creatures.

Covenant is the third *Alien* movie directed by Ridley Scott. I once asked him what it was that kept him casting his eyes to the skies movie wise.

"The fantasy of space," he said, "which is now also a reality, is a marvellous platform and a form of theatre. Honestly, almost anything goes."

The freedom of the sci-fi genre is a common theme among creators. Denis Villeneuve, whose sequel to Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner*, now titled *Blade Runner 2019*, comes out later this year,



Katherine Waterston joins a star-studded cast in *Alien: Covenant*, in theatres now. CONTRIBUTED

Sci-fi flicks burst back

remembers how his mind was opened by his first exposure to the genre.

"At a very young age one of my aunts came home one night and she had brought two or three big cardboard boxes filled with magazines," says Villeneuve.

"Those magazines were all about sci-fi. Those boxes changed my life because the amount of poetry and creativity among the guys that were drawing those comic strips. They were very strong storytellers. They were all like mad scientists playing with our brains."

A month before *Alien: Covenant*'s opening date Scott announced plans to start shooting another sequel within the next fourteen months.

Until that one hits theatres what other sci-fi films should

we have a look at?

Vincenzo Natali, the director of episodes of television's *Westworld* and *Orphan Black* and adventurous films like *Cube* and *Splice* has some suggestions.

"I could mention 2001, *Star*

Wars and *The Matrix*, but we've all been there. I think there are some very worthy science fiction films that aren't so well known."

First on his list is *Stalker*, from master director Andrei Tarkovsky.

"It's about a zone in Russia that may have had some kind of alien visitation and is highly classified. There are very special people called stalkers who illegally enter the zone and can take you to a place where your wishes can come true. No other movie ever made is quite like it. It is one of the most beautiful

films I've ever seen."

Next up is *The 10th Victim*, a futuristic Marcello Mastroianni movie about a deadly televised game called *The Big Hunt* which becomes a replacement for all conflict on Earth, but at what cost? "An Italian film made in the '60s but way ahead of its time," he says.

"It's a satirical comedy, absolutely brilliantly made, filled with cool futuristic Italian design and it's really funny. I cannot recommend it enough."

Third is the animated *La Planète Sauvage*.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Alien: Covenant	★★
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	★★★
Chuck	★★★
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Chris Cornell, voice of Seattle rock, mourned by fans, peers

Chris Cornell had become one of the most lauded and respected contemporary lead singers in rock music, thanks to his charismatic energy onstage and wide vocal range. He was a leader of the grunge movement with Seattle-based Soundgarden — with whom he gained critical and commercial acclaim — but also found success outside the band with other projects, including Audioslave, Temple of the Dog as well as solo albums.

His death Wednesday night stunned his family and his die-hard fans, who Cornell had just performed for hours earlier at a show in Detroit. Police said Thursday that the 52-year-old's death is being investigated as a possible suicide.

An autopsy is being conducted Thursday and some information from it is expected to be released later in the day.

Soundgarden's current tour kicked off in late April and was planned to run through May 27.

Cornell was known for his memorable voice and skilled songwriting, collaborating on a number of film soundtracks, including the James Bond theme song for 2006's Casino Royale



Police are investigating the musician's death as a possible suicide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and The Keeper from Machine Gun Preacher, which earned him a Golden Globe nomination.

Cornell, who grew up in Seattle, said he was kicked out of school at age 15 and started using drugs at 13.

"I went from being a daily drug user at 13 to having bad drug experiences and quitting drugs by the time I was 14 and then not having any friends until the time I was 16," he told Rolling Stone in 1994.

But at 16 he became serious about music, learning to play

the drums while also working as a busboy and dishwasher. "That was the toughest time in my life," he told Rolling Stone.

He eventually became a Grammy winner with Soundgarden, formed in 1984 and emerging from Seattle's blossoming music scene — which included Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Alice in Chains.

The band made a mainstream breakthrough with Superunknown, its 1994 album that launched five singles, won them two Grammys and sold more than five million units in the U.S. They broke up in 1997.

In 2001, Cornell joined Audioslave, a supergroup that included former Rage Against the Machine members Tom Morello, Brad Wilk and Tim Commerford. The band released three albums in six years before disbanding in 2007. Cornell and Soundgarden reunited in 2010 and released the band's sixth studio album, King Animal in 2012.

Nielsen Music said as a band member and solo act, the singer sold almost 15 million albums and 8.8 million digital songs in the U.S.

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OSCARS AFTER BOYCOTT, IRANIAN DIRECTOR COLLECTS AWARD AT CANNES Asghar Farhadi, pictured with Lily-Rose Depp, has finally received his Oscar for best foreign language film, after boycotting the Academy Awards. He received the statuette during the opening ceremony at the Cannes Film Festival on Wednesday. Farhadi boycotted the ceremony in February over U.S. President Donald Trump's proposed travel ban on people from several majority-Muslim countries, including Iran. In his acceptance speech on Wednesday, Farhadi praised Cannes as a "place where cultures speak to one another." Farhadi won for *The Salesman*, the story of a married couple who performed *Death of a Salesman* on stage. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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beets, carrots, patio cucumbers (take 1/3 of the space compared to regular types), peppers, radishes and greens & lettuces. Get creative in small gardens: trellises, bamboo teepees & arbours can all be used to grow vegetables upward vs outward.

- 3. Weather:** Gardens that receive full sun in windy locations will require more water as soil will dry out faster. Gardens nestled between houses or fences will often struggle with lower drainage and shade but can also provide a protected space for varieties that are not as tolerant to harsh conditions.
- 4. Seed vs. transplant:** Many varieties such as tomatoes, peppers, rosemary, leeks & onions take a long time to grow; they will need to be started indoors in winter and early spring. If not started early, transplants are best

(pre-started plant). Other varieties prefer to be sown directly into the garden like root crops, lettuces, peas & beans.

Adding flowers into your edible gardens is a great way to trap bad insects as well as promote beneficial insects and bees. Nasturtiums, marigolds, alyssum are all great choices - planting them around the perimeter of the garden or adding a plant or two in containers will bring the bees to your yard.

After identifying your growing area and varieties you can start to prep your bed or containers - choose a high-quality soil designed to grow vegetables and herbs. Add some composted sheep manure, black earth, kelp meal as well as a vegetable & herb fertilizer such as Halifax Seed's Grow all 8-12-6.

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Is 'sick-lit' the new genre of teen romance?

DRAMA

Love stories foiled by illness are on the rise in Hollywood

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



There's a hot trend in pop-culture right now and it's got nothing to do with crystal-infused water bottles, restorative nap cafés or even the latest Fitbit. No, I'm talking about the rise of the terminal romance.

Popularized by such young adult films as *The Fault in Our Stars* and smash Netflix series *13 Reasons Why*, these books-turned-blockbusters backdrop budding teen romance against raw topics like illness or death.

"Kids are dealing with these things — whether or not we decide to talk about them," novelist Nicola Yoon said recently about the trend.

"I definitely feel a responsibility to be a part of that

conversation but we can't pretend these things aren't happening."

Yoon's bestseller *Everything, Everything* is just the latest sobering story to see life on the big screen.

A tale about a teen with an extremely rare disease, *Everything, Everything* quarantines its protagonist inside her hermetically sealed home for her own safety. But when the handsome boy next door suddenly shows up, Maddy begins to risk her own health to join her would-be suitor.

"It's just very unique in the way it's told," said director Stella Meghie of the inspiring novel.

"There's drawings and text messages, lists and recipes and it just has a certain whimsy and quirkiness to it but the romance is classic — it's *Romeo and Juliet*."

Not unlike the Shakespeare mainstay, *Everything, Everything* doesn't shy away from dark themes. But the rising trend of introducing such subjects as disease and death into young adult fiction has caused concern with some parents as well.

3 MORE TEEN TERMINAL ROMANCES

The Fault in Our Stars

John Green's bestseller-turned-blockbuster stars Shailene Woodley as a terminally ill teen who bonds with a boy from her cancer support group.

If I Stay

After a family car crash lands a girl in a deep coma, she has an out-of-body experience that forces her to decide between two fates — one of which is a budding romance.

13 Reasons Why

Jay Asher's novel has stirred up controversy with its Netflix adaptation that follows a teenager as he tries to uncover why his crush killed herself.

A tale about a teen with a rare disease, *Everything, Everything* quarantines its protagonist inside her hermetically sealed home for her own safety. But when the handsome boy next door suddenly shows up, Maddy begins to risk her health to join her would-be suitor. CONTRIBUTED

Nicknamed "sick-lit" by detractors, many say such content only romanticizes dark deeds and may provoke depression or other harmful acts among teens.

"Books don't create behav-

iours," defended *If I Stay* author Gayle Forman in *Time Magazine*. "What books can do, however, is reflect an experience and show a way out of difficult, isolating times" — a sentiment Yoon

and Meghie certainly agree with.

"Kids are at such a pivotal stage of their life. I mean they're trying to figure out who they are, who they're going to be and they're try-

ing to figure out how to be a good citizen of the world, asking themselves these big questions about the meaning of life," said Yoon. "These are great questions — adults should be asking them too."



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Dominion Lending Centres Chief Economist, Dr. Sherry Cooper: Soft Landing Coming for Homebuyers

By: Gord Hamilton

The tide is turning in Canadian real estate markets with more moderate growth replacing the volatile price spikes that have characterized the hottest regions, says Dominion Lending Centres chief economist Dr. Sherry Cooper.

She sees encouraging signs that the boom will not be followed by a bust. "It's a soft landing," she says.

There are early signs of an upswing in the number of new listings in most Canadian real estate markets that is providing buyers with more choice, which Cooper sees as a sign that the real estate market



Dr. Sherry Cooper
Chief Economist for
Dominion Lending Centres

is returning to more normal growth patterns.

Her advice to sellers: The tide is turning. Don't wait any longer expecting prices to climb dramatically higher. Start making decisions to sell.

For buyers, she says there is no need to panic that you are going to miss out. More supply is coming onto the market so don't get yourselves into competitive buying situations that could cause you to pay more than a property is worth.

Ontario's Golden Horseshoe in particular witnessed a noticeable surge in new listings in the weeks leading up to the market-cooling measures announced April 20. Cooper expects price increases to moderate in the second half of the year,

dropping to five per cent or less in 2018.

Cooper also foresees no significant jump in interest rates this year, which remain at or near record lows.

"I don't think the Bank of Canada is going to hike interest rates until maybe the middle of next year," she says.

Nation-wide home sales are increasing — up 1.1 per cent from February to March — with centres like London and St. Thomas, Ontario showing growing strength. In Montreal, an improving economy has buoyed the housing market, where Cooper says a shortage of new listings has created "a bit of a seller's market." Prices are down slightly in Quebec, which, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. describes as a buyer's market.

In Atlantic Canada, sales are generally steady and prices stable, with some exceptions, such as Halifax, where prices are up 2.6 per cent. In B.C., prices in the Lower Mainland have moderated after market-cooling measures were introduced last year, and sales activity is beginning to pick up.

Alberta is experiencing the beginnings of a recovery from the downturn that followed the collapse in oil prices. The number of listings and rental vacancy rates is still higher than the long-term average in Calgary, but Cooper believes real estate prices have bottomed. Although oil prices have recently declined, oil production has likely bottomed with a return of job growth coming. That will moderate the current supply of home listings.

Although real estate activity is driven by

local conditions that create variations in supply, demand, and affordability across the country, national trends can provide important indicators. Cooper says there is a significant connection between what happens in the major housing markets and the Canadian economy as a whole. Housing as a percentage of GDP is at a record high. Affordability is still an issue in many major centres, and speculation on residential property remains a concern in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, but the overall trend of a return to moderate growth spells good news for the economy as a whole.



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The Brits and Yanks have gifted the world their fair share of comedy sketch troupes. But, proportionally, it seems like lonely, under-populated Canada can claim far more funny per square metre.

The '70s saw the Royal

Canadian Air Farce yucking it up on radio and TV, while SCTV, many of whose members emerged from the Chicago and Toronto chapters of The Second City, made Canadian TV must-see.

Edgier acts like Toronto's The Kids in the Hall and The Frantics got weird in the '80s and '90s, and, lest we forget, CODCO came straight out of Newfoundland to poke fun at Eastern Canadian stereotypes. And we're still at it! Modern-day practitioners of political and social satire The Beaverton have made their way from online to TV, as did Halifax's Picnicface, who built up a massive online following with their absurdist humour.



From left to right: Kevin McDonald, Scott Thompson, Dave Foley, Bruce McCulloch and Mark McKinney starred in the hilarious series *The Kids in the Hall*. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sorry for being sorry

Fairly or unfairly — okay, fairly — Canadians have a reputation for defaulting to apologies.

You could blame it on the nation's English background, and the evidence to support the stereotype is more anecdotal than statistical, but we do we say "sorry" so often that the Canadian justice system enshrined it into law back in 2009 via the Apology Act, where the accused is not assumed to be guilty if they apologize to their accuser. Sorry!

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DREAMTIME



The cast of the Canadian musical *Come From Away*. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coming from away!

The hottest ticket on Broadway these days is *Come From Away*.

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Find solitude and majesty in the Beartooth Wilderness

Crawl from your warm sleeping bag out the tent door, into the darkness and pre-dawn wind whipping across the plateau. Look up at the cathedral of the sky. Watch the whirlpool of constellations spin overhead. It's hard not to feel vertigo in the majesty of Montana's wilderness. Whether you seek the rocky heights of a 3,000-metre peak or an endless chain of lakes, the pastels of a mountain meadow or the catch of day (here it's trout), you'll find it here in one of the state's most magnificent ranges, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

The best way to get in there is the Beaten Path, a 42-kilometre trail that climbs up and over the Gallatin National Forest watershed divide. The trail has a reputation for high foot and horse traffic, but in the five days we backpacked through last summer, my hiking partner and I saw just a handful of others and embraced the solitude.

The trailhead sits at the southeastern edge of East Rosebud Lake. Accessible by car



A 42-kilometre trail that cuts across the Gallatin National Forest watershed divide takes you through one of the state's most majestic ranges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

from the north via a 22-kilometre road from Roscoe.

However, we accessed the path via Red Lodge, a tourist town east of the wilderness that serves as the jumping-off point for the Beartooth Highway, a breathtaking drive that climbs to 3,352 metres while winding along the Wyoming border.

Much of the valley and surrounding ridgeline is a moon-

scape of charred timber and ash on the forest floor, the result of an intense 2008 fire.

Climbing north out of the river valley and onto the Red Lodge Creek plateau, our boots were grey and dusty by the time we reach tree line. Up to 3,000 metres then down off the ridge, we camped on the marshy shores of Crow Lake, hemmed in by a seam of serrated peaks that turned

crimson at sunset.

The following day, we climbed out of the valley and crossed an amber meadow carpet, then descended a dusty switchback to arrive at East Rosebud Lake and the beginning of the north end of the Beaten Path.

The path wound south, past one lake after another, following East Rosebud Creek as it drains north. The fishermen we

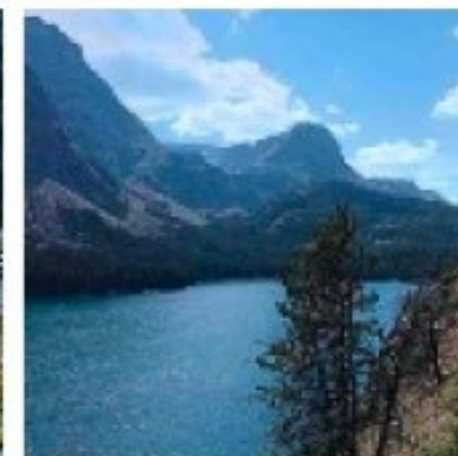
passed carrying trout in plastic bags provided reassurance that even novice anglers like ourselves could catch something. At Elk Lake that night, we did not.

One of the beauties of the Montana alpine terrain is how easy it is to wander. One night, we bushwhacked off trail, upstream to Echo Lake. Pika Peak, named for the small, furry rodents we saw occasionally dart-

ing along the trail, was bathed in a tangerine sunset, and we were astounded that, literally, with every cast of our reel, we pulled in brook trout well in excess of a foot. Pan-fried trout for dinner and for breakfast.

After being baked red by the sun for three days, we welcomed the wind but not the spitting snow and hail. We bundled up for our descent.

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"It's a good hard decision": Mike Sullivan is being unsurprisingly cagey on whether he'll start Marc-Andre Fleury or Matt Murray in Pens-Sens Game 4



Goals drying up for Pens

NHL PLAYOFFS
Sens' D-line strategy is frustrating Kessel & Co.

Phil Kessel fired the puck hard into the sideboards during a lull in Penguins practice at the University of Ottawa, then bent to one knee and seemed to stew in his own frustration.

Kessel had the goal which delivered Pittsburgh their first and only win so far in the Eastern Conference final — they trail 2-1 in the best-of-seven series — but generally, he and the Penguins have been aggravated by the persistent defensive efforts of the Ottawa Senators. The highest-scoring team during the regular season, the Pens have scored only three times through three games heading into Game 4 on Friday night.

"I know that we have what it takes," head coach Mike Sullivan insisted after practice on Thursday. A day after his team was thrashed 5-1 in Game 3, Sullivan seemed intent on trying to build confidence and lighten the mood around a team chasing a second straight Stanley Cup. He opened practice with some light-hearted

drills which saw players flashing rare grins as they tried to keep pucks away from one another.

So far their experience against Canada's only remaining team has drawn mostly scowls, sighs and aggravation, including a fiery outburst from Kessel on the bench during the 1-0 Game 2 win. The Sens have simply sucked the life out of their attack with an intensely defensive approach mirroring the one which helped them capture second spot in the Atlantic Division during the regular season before topping the Bruins and Rangers in the opening two rounds.

"It can be a frustrating system to try and get through," Sens winger Bobby Ryan said.

Ottawa stacks the neutral zone with bodies, employing the 1-3-1 system which initially brought head coach Guy Boucher some recognition (both good and bad) during his time with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The approach slows down an opponent and forces them to chase down pucks in the offensive zone. Craig Anderson has stopped 80 of the 83 shots he's faced. "A lot of times we throw blankets over you and try not to give you more than five, six feet of space to make a play," Ryan said.

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The Senators' complete game was too much for the Penguins in Game 3 as they breached Pittsburgh for four goals in the first period on Tuesday night.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Canada into semis after tough German test

Canada had to overcome a vocal partisan crowd and a fired-up Germany squad to keep its chances of a third straight world hockey championship title alive.

Mark Scheifele and Jeff Skinner scored as Canada survived a scare with a tight 2-1 win over the co-host Germans in quarter-final action Thursday. The game was played in front of a deafening sold-out crowd at Cologne's Lanxess Arena.

"It was a phenomenal environment," said Canada's coach Jon Cooper after the game. "The singing was very respectful to both

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teams. They really cheered for their team."

"It's definitely pretty cool but honestly, you don't really hear it during the game," added Travis Konecny. Canada will face Russia in Cologne in the first of Saturday's two semifinals.

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Germany's Moritz Mueller, centre, vies for the puck with Nate MacKinnon, Ryan O'Reilly and Mark Scheifele. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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McGregor agrees to Mayweather fight

Conor McGregor has come to an agreement with UFC that has moved a proposed fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. closer to reality.

UFC president Dana White said he reached a deal with McGregor, MMA's biggest star and lightweight champion, and will now start negotiations on a mega fight with the retired Mayweather that could be worth \$1 billion.

"I'm not saying the fight will happen, but I've got one side done. Now it's time to work on the other," White said.

McGregor confirmed the contract for the boxing match in a statement to Themalife.com.



Conor McGregor
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"The first, and most important part of this historic contract has now officially been signed off on," McGregor said. "Congratulations to all parties involved. We now await

Al Haymon and his boxer's signature in the coming days."

White and McGregor did not announce specifics of the deal.

"If we can come to a deal with Haymon and Mayweather, the fight's gonna happen," White said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Pillar 'ashamed' of homophobic slur

Kevin Pillar was suspended for two games Thursday for shouting an anti-gay slur at an Atlanta Braves pitcher, an incident the Toronto Blue Jays centre-fielder says he deeply regrets but hopes will ultimately raise awareness about the hurtful impact words can have.

General manager Ross Atkins confirmed the team ban during a media availability before Thursday night's game at SunTrust Park in Atlanta. Pillar's pay from the two games will be donated, Atkins said.

Pillar was angry at Jason Motte for allegedly quick-pitching him to get a strikeout that ended the seventh inning in Atlanta's 8-4 victory Wednesday night.



Kevin Pillar
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Replays appeared to show Pillar using the slur as he yelled toward the mound.

Pillar told reporters in Atlanta there is "no place for this language" anywhere, including on the baseball field.

"I really felt embarrassed for myself, for my family for this organization," Pillar said, adding that he had not slept much Wednesday night. "I was ashamed."

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IN BRIEF

Spurs go off on Leicester

Harry Kane scored four goals in Tottenham's 6-1 rout of Leicester on Thursday.

Son Heung-min became the highest-scoring South Korean player in a European season scoring twice to reach 21 goals and break Cha Bum-kun's 19-goal haul at Bayer Leverkusen. Leicester's Ben Chilwell got the Foxes' consolation goal. Leicester manager Craig Shakespeare will find out if he will keep his job in the coming days.

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Gaviria wins long Giro stage

Colombian rider Fernando Gaviria won a bunch sprint at the end of the longest stage of the Giro d'Italia on Thursday to earn his third victory in his first Grand Tour.

Gaviria, who rides for Quick-Step Floors, edged Italian rival Jakub Mareczko at the end of the 229-kilometre route from Forlì to Reggio Emilia. Sam Bennett of Ireland was third in the 12th stage. Overall, Holland's Tom Dumoulin is the leader.

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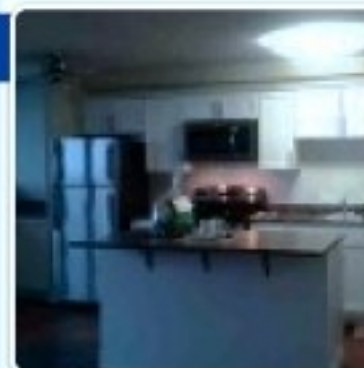
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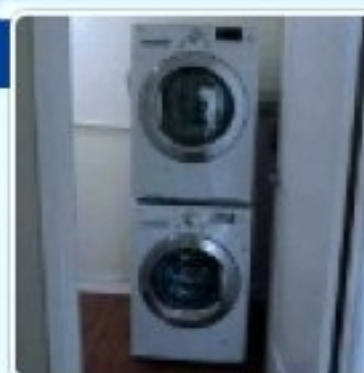
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For Metro Canada

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Ready in 1 hour

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 8

Ingredients

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup + 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/3 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 3 1/2 cups of chopped, pitted plums
- 2 cups chopped rhubarb
- 1/3 cup + 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp flour

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Toss together the flour, oats, 1/2 cup of brown sugar, cinnamon, salt and nuts until everything is well combined.
3. In a small bowl, mix together melted butter and 2 Tbsp maple syrup. Pour over the oat mixture and stir until it becomes evenly moist. Set aside.
4. Place your chopped plums and rhubarb, lemon juice, 1/3 cup of maple syrup, 2 Tbsp brown sugar and flour in a bowl and give it a good toss. Pour fruit into an 8" x 8" baking pan. Top with crumble. Don't worry if it doesn't cover the fruit perfectly.
5. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes until the topping is golden brown and the fruit is bubbling. Allow to cool for a few minutes before serving.

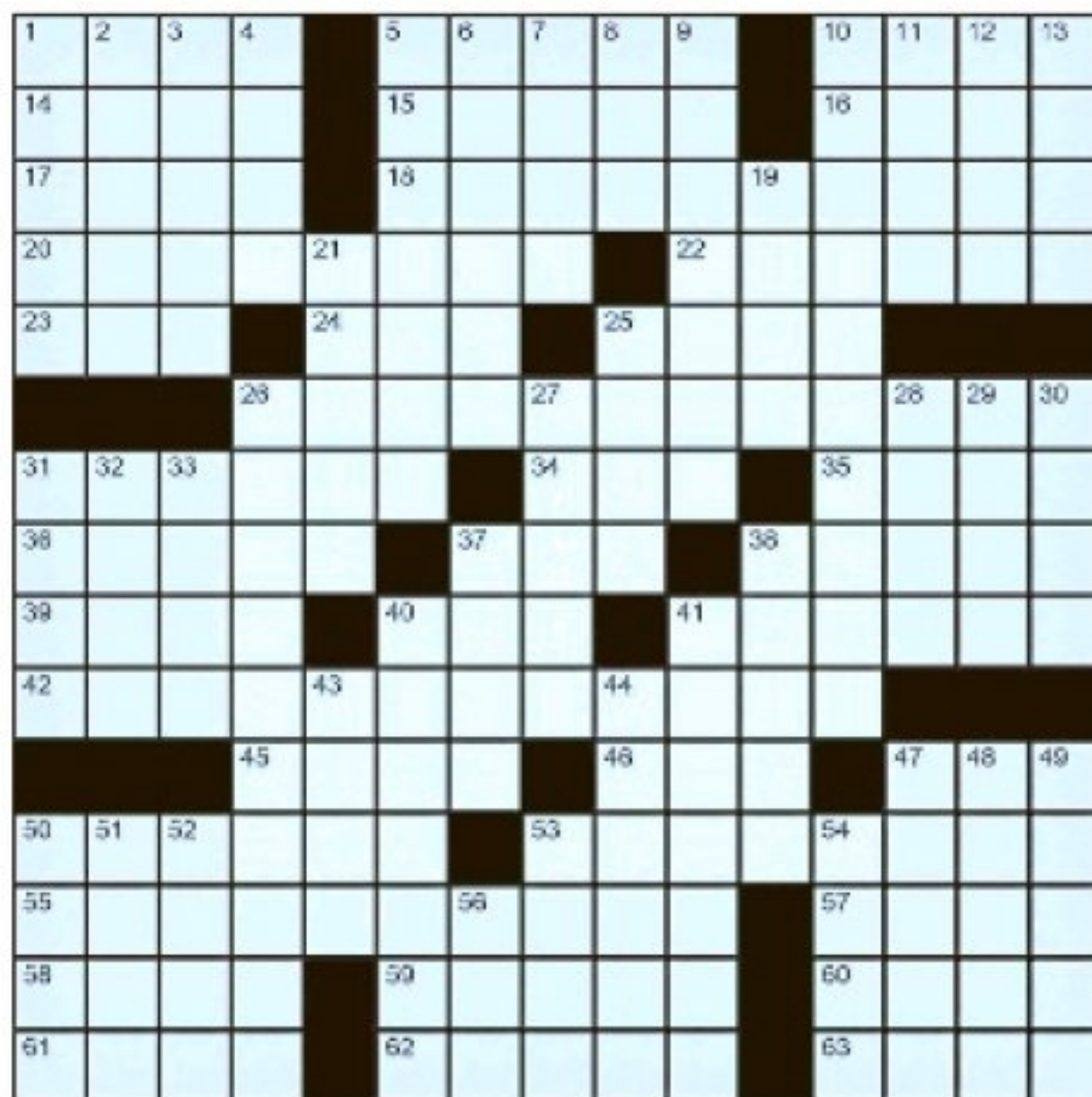
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ACROSS

1. Mr. Klugman of "Quincy, M.E."
5. Cashier-to-customers papers [abbr.]
10. Queen Victoria's is May 24th, briefly
14. Cosmetics giant
15. "Star Trek" character
16. Laugh: French
17. Enthusiasm
18. Popular pair of pants: 2 wds.
20. Journalistic output, often, to President Donald Trump: 2 wds.
22. Make a money plan
23. Years: French
24. "Could __ Your Girl" by Jann Arden
25. Actress, Candace Cameron
26. Juno-winning country star from Nova Scotia: 2 wds.
31. Bequest
34. Grassland
35. "There will __ talking in class!"
36. Singer Ms. Cara
37. Soaked
38. "Desperately Seeking __" (1985)
39. Sud's directional opposite
40. Fashion scarf
41. 7UP rival
42. Canadian production on Broadway which has seven Tony Award nominations for this year's 2017 broadcast on June 11th: 3 wds.
45. Racetrack fence
46. Convened
47. Entrepreneur's deg.



50. Travels around a planet
53. Those driving too fast
55. Central thoroughfare in Winnipeg: 2 wds.
57. Beehive State
58. Editor's 'let it stand'

59. Place to connect in Chicago
60. Zero, in tennis
61. Mr. Malden
62. Oscar-winner Sophia
63. Diving bird

DOWN

1. Orange variety
2. Bird-related
3. Wine bottle toppers
4. Leg-bending point
5. 2010 Rihanna chart-topper: 2 wds.
6. Grub grinder

7. Wordplays
8. Numerical prefix
9. Liqueur of Italy
10. Rural town in Saskatchewan west of the Manitoba border
11. Hor. Vert. __ (Abbreviated lines)
12. "Rule, Britannia" composer

13. Fri., on Sat.
19. __ Mountains (Switzerland-France range)
21. Bridget Fonda, to Jane
25. __ juice
26. Newfoundland airport where planes on 9/11 were diverted (What the musical at #42-Across is about): wd. + abbr.
27. Sparkle
28. " __ can." (Can-do attitude reply)
29. Go __ great length
30. Zippo
31. Rival car of a Cadillac, for short
32. 'Switch' suffix
33. Wheat __
37. Sheep coat fabric
38. Outpouring
40. " __ Stomp": 1961 hit for The Dovells
41. Make more sugary
43. '50s singer Mr. Domino
44. Unit of electric current
47. "Ditto over here!": 2 wds.
48. "Clap! Clap! Clap!"
49. Drained looking
50. City of Russia
51. Pro __ (In proportion)
52. Casket stand
53. Singe
54. Boring
56. Greek alphabet's 17th letter

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You feel warm and generous to everyone today, which is why this is a great day to schmooze with partners and close friends. Have a good time, but don't go overboard.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You feel content today. You're happy in your own skin. Things are coming your way and work looks hopeful!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a popular day! Enjoy interactions with others, whether they are casual friendships or dealings with groups and organizations. People want to see you today.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You make a fabulous impression on bosses, parents and VIPs today. Just be careful you don't promise more than you can deliver. Remain realistic.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Big travel plans are thrilling. You want to go places and enjoy things in Leo style!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you have to share or divide something today, don't give away the farm. Remember that you have rights, too. Respect your own self-interest.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You feel warm and friendly toward everyone today, which is why you will be tempted to go overboard or make promises that you cannot fulfill.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a day full of self-indulgence. You might overeat and enjoy seconds on dessert, but you will feel guilty because you also have an eye on your health.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This definitely is a party day — and you are the sign who likes to work hard and party hard! Enjoy good times with friends, sporting events and playful activities with children.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will love to entertain at home today. In particular, you will love to show your guests a good time.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a fun-loving day; and you're in a great mood. You will enjoy the company of others, and you also will enjoy the beauty of your daily surroundings. It's a fortunate day, indeed!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Look for ways to boost your income, because they do exist today. However, you also might overspend on something because it's easy to go overboard today. Ka-ching!

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